

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-3 and 9-13 and AMEND claims 4-6 and 14-16 in accordance with the following:

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) An input device comprising:

a case including a rib formed therein to extend in a given direction;

a plurality of circuit boards each including an input part, the circuit boards being temporarily fastened to said case via the rib in process of assembling the input device; and

a support member which is fixed to said case so as to support said circuit boards between the support member and said case after said circuit boards are temporarily fastened to said case,

wherein said circuit boards are slanted with respect to the direction in which the rib extends in being temporarily fastened to said case, and are fixed to said case in slanted states by said support member, and~~The input device as claimed in claim 2,~~

wherein each of two of said circuit boards include first and second end portions on first and second parallel sides, and ~~is~~are temporarily fastened to said case with the first end portion engaging the rib and opposed end portions of the second end portion engaging claw parts formed on the rib.

5. (currently amended) An input device comprising:

a case including a rib formed therein to extend in a given direction;

a plurality of circuit boards each including an input part, the circuit boards being temporarily fastened to said case via the rib in process of assembling the input device; and

a support member which is fixed to said case so as to support said circuit boards between the support member and said case after said circuit boards are temporarily fastened to said case, ~~The input device as claimed in claim 1,~~

wherein one of said circuit boards has holes formed therein, and is temporarily fastened to said case with the holes engaging the rib and a first side of the one of said circuit boards engaging the rib by rotationally moving the one of said circuit boards with the holes serving as fulcrums in a direction reverse to the direction in which the rib extends.

6. (currently amended) An input device comprising:

a case including a rib formed therein to extend in a given direction;

a plurality of circuit boards each including an input part, the circuit boards being temporarily fastened to said case via the rib in process of assembling the input device; and

a support member which is fixed to said case so as to support said circuit boards between the support member and said case after said circuit boards are temporarily fastened to said case,

wherein said circuit boards are slanted with respect to the direction in which the rib extends in being temporarily fastened to said case, and are fixed to said case in slanted states by said support member, and ~~The input device as claimed in claim 2,~~

wherein one of said circuit boards has holes formed therein, and is temporarily fastened to said case with the holes engaging the rib and a first side of the one of said circuit boards engaging the rib by rotationally moving the one of said circuit boards with the holes serving as fulcrums in a direction reverse to the direction in which the rib extends.

7. (original) The input device as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the one of said circuit boards further includes a second side parallel to the first side thereof; and

the holes are formed close to the second side.

8. (original) The input device as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

the one of said circuit boards further includes a second side parallel to the first side thereof; and

the holes are formed close to the second side.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) An input device having input parts, comprising:

a control part which outputs data input from one of the input parts after a passage of a given period of time when the one of when the input parts is operated within the given period of time, and outputs data input from two or more of the input parts after a passage of a given period of time when the two or more of the input parts are operated within the given period of time, The input device as claimed in claim 9,

wherein said control part detects operation frequencies of the input parts so as to adjust data scanning frequencies thereof in accordance with the operation frequencies.

15. (currently amended) The input device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the data scanning frequencies are adjusted to become higher if-when the operation frequencies become higher and to become lower if-when the operation frequencies become lower.

16. (currently amended) The input device as claimed in claim 14, wherein a data scanning frequency of one of the input parts in operation is increased for a certain period of time if-when the one of the input parts has a low operation frequency compared with a rest of the input parts.